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H. R. 3544

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide guidelines for the establishment of new national cemeteries by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Cemeteries
5 Expansion Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW NATIONAL CEMETERIES**
2 **BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 Section 2404 of title 38, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(h)(1) In selecting a location for the establishment
7 of a new national cemetery under this chapter, the Sec-
8 retary shall give priority to a location where at least
9 110,000 veterans reside within a 75-mile radius of the lo-
10 cation.

11 “(2) In conducting an annual performance measure
12 of the percentage of veterans who are served by any ceme-
13 tery, the Secretary shall—

14 “(A) use census tracts, rather than counties, as
15 the primary geographic unit to test and identify po-
16 tential locations for new national cemeteries and to
17 determine the percentage of veterans served;

18 “(B) use methods to avoid the double counting
19 of veterans in overlapping service areas; and

20 “(C) count veterans who reside in counties bi-
21 sected by a service area using a proportional overlay
22 method.”.

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